

Dear FCC,

I have specific concerns regarding Verizon's proposed acquisition of Unicel, my current cell phone provider. I have had Unicel cell phone service for less than one year. I live in rural Vermont "off the grid". I have excellent reception at my home, including internet service through my cell phone at a very reasonable rate. We pay just \$15. per month per phone for unlimited internet access at twice the speed of dial-up.

When we originally researched cell phone access, capability and pricing in our area, Verizon coverage was unavailable and even if it had been, similar internet access would have cost us double that amount.

Friends of mine are also concerned that if and when Verizon takes over, our costs will go up and our network area coverage will decrease or disappear entirely. Friends have been told by Unicel that if they sign up now and Verizon buys them out, they as customers will probably have to foot the bill for a new phone compatible with the Verizon network which is different (CDMA). Unicel is a GSM network, compatible with AT&T and T-Mobile.

I agree with our Senator Bernie Sanders, who has asked the FCC to approve the transaction only if Verizon Wireless agrees to meet certain enforceable conditions:

- * A commitment to provide coverage throughout the state.
- * A commitment to maintain and expand the GSM network indefinitely or to sell the GSM network to a provider who would maintain and expand it.
- * A commitment to provide automatic roaming services at reasonable rates to other carriers.

I would also like to strongly emphasize that Verizon's rates are substantially higher for the same coverage that Unicel provides. I would ask the FCC to support rural Vermonters by requiring Verizon to continue to offer Unicel's current services at Unicel's current rates using the GSM network.

Thank you for your kind attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Crown

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